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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is in full and timely response to the nonfinal Office Action dated October 25, 2006 (Paper No. 20061023). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the new grounds of rejection are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

By the foregoing amendment, independent claims 28, 36 and 51 have been amended. Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 24, 28, 29, 31, 32, 36, 37 and 51 remain pending in this application.

Rejection of Claims 5, 3, 5, 6, 24, 28, 29, 31, 32, 36, 37 and 51 Under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 24, 28, 29, 31, 32, 36, 37 and 51 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first and second paragraphs, for allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement, failing to comply with the enablement requirement, and failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention. To the extent that these rejections might still be applied to the claims as amended, they are traversed for the following reason.

The Examiner appears to be concerned mainly with the Applicant's use of the phrase "naturally reoriented" in independent claims 28, 36 and 51 because those exact words were not used in the original specification. To overcome this problem, the Applicant has reviewed and revised each of claims 28, 36 and 51 to eliminate the phrase "naturally reoriented." For example, the last paragraph of claim 36 now reads as follows:

passing the group of filaments through the guide assembly to arrange
orient the group of filaments into the plane which is generally perpendicular to the
longitudinal axis of the core member; and to cause ~~causing~~ the filaments to be
positioned side-by-side ~~naturally reoriented into a plane which is generally~~

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~~parallel to the longitudinal axis of the core member~~ and packed tightly against one another as the group of filaments are wound onto the core member.

Similar amendments have also been made to claims 28 and 51. Support for the amended claim language can be readily found, for example, in paragraph Nos. 0044 and 0045 on page 12 of the Applicant's specification, and in Figs. 13 to 15 of the drawings.


In view of the above amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112, and that this application is now in condition for allowance.

Early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application into even better form, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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